GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PURCHASE OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fighter aircraft purchased by Indian Air force during each of the last three years and the country of their origin;

(b) the number of usable and unusable fighter aircraft of Indian Air Force at present;

(c) whether there is any proposal to make the unusable aircrafts operational;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the expenditure likely to be involved thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Eighteen (18) fighter aircraft have been purchased by Indian Air Force from Russia during the last three years as under:

Year	Quantity
1997-98	08
1998-99	nil
1999-2000	10

(b) All aircraft of IAF are usable. However, some of the aircraft, though usable, remain on ground due to:

(i) Scheduled servicing at base or at overhaul agency.

(ii) Aircraft undergoing rectification.

(iii) Aircraft undergoing major repairs.

(iv) Aircraft awaiting spares from Indigenous sources or from abroad.

(c) to (e): Do not arise.